

100 for 100 A time to Celebrate 1924—2024 cont.



Kirkby-in-Ashfield recreating the first meeting



Mansfield enjoy each others company with cake made by Elaine Campin



Bolsover President Maureen having a word with a Barn Owl during a visit by Nigel & Michelle from Aviary World



Notty's models though the decades

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The Objectives of INNER WHEEL

- To promote true friendship
- To encourage the ideals of personal service
- To foster international understanding



District Chair Mary and her Presents





*A Message from D.C
Mary*

Dear Ladies

Here we are over half way into our centenary year and I am about half way through visiting clubs in the District for their meetings and charters. How interesting it is to see how other clubs run. Each one has its own way of doing things but all are working towards the objects of Inner Wheel – to promote true friendship, to encourage the ideals of personal service and to foster international understanding.

The Carol Service was again well supported with several children (and adults) enjoying Santa’s visit. The choir were in fine form and the Revd Kate neatly dovetailed the story of the hardship of Jesus’ birth for Mary with the work of the women’s centres that I am supporting this year – quite clever I thought.

Inner Wheel Day was celebrated in the District with a fabulous afternoon tea and fashion show by Notty Hornblower. Many thanks to Rachel Cooper, Di Hylton, Judith Rosser and Di Sardesai for all their hard work in organising it. We were encouraged to dress in any style from 1924 onwards and those attending did not disappoint! A fabulous show of fashion through the decades



DC Mary didn't disappoint us. She showed her wild child hippy self and looked fab in this outfit.

100 for 100



Sadly PDC Sue Curley died suddenly but she had completed 100 crochet squares before she died. These have been put together by Alfreton Past President Chris Holroyd. The blanket will be raffled /auctioned for Sue’s favourite cause—The British Heart Foundation.

Thank you to Penny Riggott for the details and photograph.

Rest in Peace And Rise in Glory

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| PDC Sue Curley |Alfreton |
| Margaret Kirk | West Ashfield |
| Pam Hume former member | Matlock |
| Rotarian David Jackson husband of Margaret | Wollaton Park |
| Betty Edwards and Past District Treasurer | Member at Large |
| Jack Hicks husband of Jennifer | Kirkby-in Ashfield |

Tribute to Sue Curley by Mandy Walker President of the Inner Wheel Club of Alfreton



Where do I start! I will never forget the moment that I heard of the tragic loss of our dear friend, Sue Curley, on Remembrance Sunday, just 12 days before her 79th birthday.

Sue was a stalwart of the Alfreton Club for many years. We always felt that she gave up a great deal of her life to Inner Wheel and was always a staunch supporter of the Rotary Club of Alfreton. Sue epitomised the objectives of Inner Wheel.

Sue joined Inner Wheel in 1977, 46 years ago. She was President three times, Secretary many times, Treasurer, OSO and, latterly, M & D Officer. Her last role was as my Secretary. Another role, some may say the most important, was making our Charter Cake for nearly 40 years!! She was always there to help with advice when the newer members took office.

Sue became District Secretary and then on to District Chairman in 2011-12. Sue followed this by being District Membership Officer and then Member of Council. Sue donated a beautiful bell, following her year as District Chairman. It is used to keep the members in order when they chatter and laugh too much!! She also presented a badge for the President to wear.

I cannot finish this tribute without mentioning Sue's family. They were at the centre of her life. Sue had 6 sisters, 2 of whom, Joan and Pam, became members of IW Club of Clay Cross. Sue married PDG George Curley in 1963. They had two children, Jonathan and Joanne, plus two grandchildren, Zack and Georgia.

Her loss was tragic for all of us, but at least she has joined her dear husband, George and their son, Jonathan.

Thank you Mandy . It has been a difficult Inner Wheel year for Alfreton.-District Editor Yvette

Maintaining and increasing membership is high on the agenda this year with a recognition that in order to survive we all need to be proactive in encouraging new members to join us and take us forward into the future. To this end our membership committee led by IPDC Elaine have been organising events and visiting clubs to pass on ideas of how to retain and increase their membership. They are working hard but it has to be the responsibility of all members to do their bit. What have you and your club been doing this year to retain and attract members and raise the profile if Inner Wheel in the wider community?

The International Convention is our big event this year celebrating the birth of Inner Wheel where it all started in Manchester. Even if you cannot be there, I hope you will follow the event through the write-ups and photos on social media. Finally thank you for all your hard work and commitment this year and I look forward to seeing you around the District in the coming months

Real women don't have hot flushes they have power surges

DC Mary's 100 for 100

2024 being our Centenary year of Inner Wheel, as a project DC Mary asked if we as a district could plant 100 trees for 100 years, as part of Trees for Climate in conjunction with The Sherwood Forest Trust. On December 13th Susan, Susie, DC Mary, DS Anne, DT Mandy and Mary's husband Rotarian Richard went to plant a mixture of trees, just past Coxmoor Golf Club it certainly was a workout but satisfying.



L: Susie, Mary and Anne



R: Mary getting to grips with a post.



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Letter from Yvette Thomas

Before I start my report I begin with an apology. In my tribute to Margaret Day in Edition 154 I mentioned that she received the Silver Fish award for her service to Girlguiding. This was not correct. The Silver fish went to Olave Baden-Powell and Margaret received the Laurel Award.

I am amazed that as I write this report, DC Mary is half way through her year and when you read it will be three quarters of the way through her year! For me the time since my first report as your District Editor has been dominated by the International Rally, Carol Service and Home Service Report (HSR). Articles about the Rally and the Carol Service appear later in the Magazine.

I have to say that I have been blown away by the HSR with the variety and volume of service that our members give. Covering the Calendar year 2023 our members amongst many other things donated to and worked at Food Banks, volunteered for National Trust properties, listened to children read, were school governors and trustees. Spent many hours supporting other organisations such as the Royal British Legion, Assisted Riding for the Disabled, Girl Guides, the Salvation Army, Rotary and many more. Whilst doing all of this they also raised funds for thirty two national charities and thirty two (by coincidence the numbers were the same) local charities not including the two District Chairmen (Elaine and

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to all our new members joining District 22

Karen Emmerson **Kirkby in Ashfield**

Ruth Harrison.....Mansfield

Clare Parsons **Mansfield**

Michelle Woodward**Wollaton Park**

Sonia Ellis **Wollaton Park**

Jacqueline Flude **Keyworth and Ruddington**

Mandy Hewitt **Keyworth and Ruddington**

Victoria Long **Heanor**

Hayley Manley **Heanor**

Judith Wooley **Heanor**

Shirley Walker **Church Wilne**

We are delighted that you have joined our wonderful organisation in such a special year.

West Ashfield—President Linda Elkin

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) celebrated its sixth annual Heart Hero Awards on Wednesday 6 December 2023 at Glaziers Hall in London. The annual awards recognise the incredible fundraisers, young advocates, lifesavers, healthcare professionals and outstanding supporters who go above and beyond for BHF. It was hosted by Vernon Kay and our member, Pat Churnside was there to receive her award from David Seaman and Becky Downie.

Pat had been filmed and interviewed at home in September, explaining just why she is so passionate about BHF. She has lost family members, including her parents far too early to heart disease and she does not wish this to happen to her children or grandchildren. She and her husband decided to form a group locally to help. Fund-raising events included ferret racing and Swimathon. Pat was able to announce at the ceremony that the total amount raised over the last ten years was £66,000! What an amazing lady!



David Seaman, Pat, Becky Downie and Mike



Pat's picture flies proud in London

Club Correspondent—Mary Murray

Mary) and two Association Presidents' charities. A massive £47,533.38 was raised. I await with interest to hear Lynda Wallace's ISCC report for international. I am certain it will be equally as impressive. With fun, friendship and often food our members more than fulfil the objectives of Inner Wheel.. I am looking forward to attending the lunch in London and my first International Convention in Manchester this coming May. I will have my trusty camera aka my phone with me and hope to have lots of photographs and memories to share with you.

In friendship: Yvette District Editor

One day I will move on from the quill pen—but not just yet!!



District Chair Mary with Retford Inner Wheel Club President Carol Lawrenson and a rather large horse!! What is that doing in the bar. Mary looks a little worried.

DC Mary is safe! President Carol and Club Member Helen Grainger are the ones in their jockey gear ready to ride!



See more on Retford's page

Swadlincote—President Pam Ratcliffe

Di Hylton, Association Editor and member of Swadlincote completed her skydive for BEAT in September raising a magnificent £3497.80 so well done and congratulations from all her Club.

Di's comment on her endeavour: "I had a light bulb moment when considering the 100 for 100 Challenge. Could I get 100 sponsors to raise funds for Association President Anthea's charity BEAT. I did it. It was an achievement - terrifying - I have a dreadful fear of heights - glad I have done it for BEAT but I can honestly say I will not be doing it again."



*Di,
I did it!!!*

On 22nd September, Di Hyton and Gill Harvey, together with Rachel Cooper and Judith Rosser from Melbourne Club, met up with the Association Present Anthea at the Memorial Arboretum to plant two IW Roses in the IW Garden.

L-R Gill Harvey, AP Anthea Tilsley,
Di Hylton and Judith Rosser



Club Correspondent—Gill Harvey

Ravenshead—President Kathy Kings

The end of another year, where has that gone! December is busy for everyone and certainly in Inner Wheel. One event I always enjoy is going to Warsop Christmas Wreath and Table Decoration Day that Christine Fretwell organises with the help of the Warsop Club, I find it very relaxing and a lovely sociable get together with ladies from all over our District 22.

In that same week we have our Christmas Party lunch for our club, President Kathy Kings arranged for us to go to Ramsdale Golf Club. We all take a secret Santa present to add to the occasion. After a very enjoyable lunch everyone opened their present. I had a lovely box of chocolates, I will look forward to sharing them when I have visitors.

As we are lucky to have District Chair Mary Hind in our club, we hosted the carol service at our church in the village with refreshments after, even Father Christmas made an appearance much to the delight of us all and the children who were there. {See photos and article on pages 22 and 23} Some of us have also been helping the Rotary Club collecting with Santa firstly at the village light switch where we had Santa's grotto, then going around the village and Blidworth village. All the money collected goes into the local charities and schools.

The last social get together with our Rotary Club is the Christmas Party at Oakmere Golf Club. It was a great night!

The New Year starts off celebrating 100 years on International Inner Wheel Day January 10th with an afternoon tea, DC Mary Hind, Susan Spanswick, President Kathy Kings and Jaqui Green all attended and had a fabulous time. In May it is International Inner Wheel Convention held in Manchester this is where it all started by Margarett Golding, a pioneering woman.



Susan Spanswick and President Kathy at the 100 years celebration

Club Correspondent— Susie Parry-Williams

*.Chesterfield Scarsdale—President Co—Ordinator -
Carol Hull*



New Member Margaret Link receiving her badge at the excellent get together we had at the home of Dee Foster on 12th October. She really went to a lot of trouble providing lots of cakes etc. Thank you Dee

On Sunday 19th November we celebrated our 38th Birthday at Chesterfield Golf Club organised by Pat Willmot. Following our meal we had a slide show of members old and new put together by Derick and Pat, thank you for your hard work. Liz Day kindly made us a Birthday cake and as our only founder member Margaret Fray cut the cake.



Club Correspondent—Liz Outram

Alfreton—President Mandy Walker

Alfreton has hosted plenty of visitors and speakers over the past months beginning with the visit of DC Mary Hind. She spoke about her life before joining Inner Wheel and her long time relationship with Girl Guiding. This meant a great deal to all of us especially since losing Margaret Day and her work with Guides.

This was followed by Reflexologist Laura Kirk who helped us understand how useful this branch of secondary medicine could help our day to day lives.

In November, Terri McLean Bowman from Cancer Research spoke about the work of the research teams and gave us much inspiration to support our local group in Alfreton.



*President Mandy with
Terri McLean Bowman
from Cancer Research*

The November meeting was devoted to Children in Need with the raffle making £75 for the Charity.

We also celebrated the 90th birthdays of two lovely members Dorothy Fox and Rita Leighton who are active members enjoying all aspects of Club life.



Dorothy Fox and Rita Leighton

Club Correspondent—Penny Riggott

Kirkby-in-Ashfield—President Jacquie Chapman

Seventy Inner Wheel members and guests had a wonderful time at President Jacquie Chapman's Charter held as usual at The Hostess Restaurant. The speaker was John Pye who told us all about his work with The Antarctic Heritage Trust.



Inspired by one of the speakers at the conference in Blackpool a Bleed Control Kit has been purchased from The Daniel Baird Foundation and handed over to the landlord at The

Duke of Wellington pub in Kirkby. If the occasion arises it will be used to help stop more lives being lost to knife crime.

This year Kirkby Inner Wheel took over the organisation of selling poppies for The Royal British Legion at Aldi. The stall was manned every day for nearly two weeks and over £5000 was raised. Member Audrey Halfpenny crocheted an attractive post box topper which was displayed in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday.

Freda Smith and Judi Parkinson filled about 20 bags with baby clothes, nappies etc. which should be well on their way to Africa. They were assisted by Sally Hill, Maureen Poole and Pat Smith.



Finally, a number of members helped Santa Claus to distribute gifts at The Reuben Shaw Garden Centre. They really enjoyed being little elves!

Club Correspondent-Sally Hill

100 for 100 A time to Celebrate 1924—2024 cont.

Sheerin from the IW Club of Inverness. Afternoon tea was enjoyed at The Hostess Restaurant by circa 150 Inner Wheel members whilst watching the "Putting on the Ritz" fashion show through the decades by Notty Hornblower and her Models from Hope House Costume Museum. Other Inner Wheel members also marked the occasion with a lunch for members, coffee mornings and the ladies of Kirkby-in-Ashfield recreated the first meeting but this time "in their President Jacquie's bath."

** Extract from Home and Horizon. An account of the History and Organisation of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs by Millicent Gaskell



More photos on the back cover



Inner Wheel Day is special every year, however, 2024 is extra special as it is the 100th birthday of our wonderful organisation. On 10th January 1924 Margarette Golding, or Mrs Oliver Golding, as she would have been known, was confirmed as the first President of the Club to be called "The Inner Wheel". They met in the Herriott's Turkish Baths Deansgate Manchester having been able to raise **"£11 for their funds by means of American Tea and that a parcel of eighty woolly garments for babies had been sent to Saint Mary's Hospital."** From this tiny acorn grew an international organisation with more than 100,000 members in 4000 Inner Wheel clubs worldwide. All members are volunteers from the very top to the grass roots and willingly give their time to achieve the objectives of Inner Wheel.

Inner Wheel Day is very special and each year Clubs celebrate Inner Wheel Day on or near 10th January doing many different things—spending time in friendship with other members, lunches, coffee mornings, having a working day filling Joy bags, making baby bundles for International Inner Wheel, cutting stamps etc.. With this being the 100th birthday, a special celebration had been arranged, organised by Past District Chairman (PDC) and Association Editor Di Hylton, PDC Rachel Cooper, PDC Di Sardesai and Past District Treasurer Judith Rosser for the clubs in District 22 and 17 of the clubs attended together with members of the current Executive team for District 22 including the current District Chairman Mary Hind. We were also joined by Association Vice President Heather

Bolsover-President Maureen Holmes

The highlight of the year so far was our 40th Charter evening at the Hostess. An excellent meal followed by musical entertainment by Judy Dunlop. A thoroughly enjoyable evening of laughter and fun. Thank you to all who attended.

We sold poppies in aid of the British Legion and on behalf of the Club a wreath was laid at the War Memorial by Denise Lada, accompanied by Melanie O'Neill.

Later in the month a large group of us ate a delicious meal, provided by members Pam McConnell and Ruth Sedgewick, before spending the evening making up baby bundles, toy bags etc.

In early December, despite the cold weather, we provided a refreshment stand for Bolsover Festival and a number of Elves to support Rotary's Santa.

In lieu of our December meeting we enjoyed a Christmas meal and get together at The Three Cottages, Hasland.



Bolsover Members



It was as good as it looks



DC Mary & Pres Maureen

Club Correspondent--Bea Bowskill

Sutton-in-Ashfield-President Dodo Pearce

The month of December was a busy time for the members of Sutton in Ashfield Inner Wheel Club. With permission from the Vicar of the Parish Church of St. Mary's, several members turned up one bright, dry Saturday morning to plant bulbs to celebrate the Centenary of Inner Wheel. 100 Daffodil bulbs and 100 Iris bulbs were planted on the right hand side of the churchyard just past the Memorial Gates. Much fun was had trying to plant them in the shape of the Inner Wheel Logo, (with the yellow of the daffodils and the blue of the iris) and it will be interesting to see next Spring whether we were successful.



Ready for action -Members at St Mary's Church L to R Clare Stone, Lin Johnson, Joan Broughton, Sue Fensome, Carol Patterson and President Dodo Pearce.

As well as helping the Rotary Club with their usual Static and Sleigh Runs, members enjoyed their usual Christmas meal at Coxmoor Golf Club, inviting past members and several daughters of members to join in with the celebrations.

A lovely setting for the start of Christmas with some interesting items on the table. Standing L to R Sandra Robinson, Pam Lord, Josie Senior
Sitting - Joan Broughton, Helen Gregory, Lin Johnson



Club Correspondent-Sue Fensome

Retford—President Carol Lawrenson



Our Charter theme for this year was 'An Afternoon at the Races'. We all dressed to impress and there was no betting and just one horse— it was a most enjoyable afternoon of friendship and fun.

L: President Carol, member Elizabeth Wakefield and the horse in Inner Wheel colours.



R: Dorothy Bastow and Val Layton dressed glamorously enjoying the fun at our Charter

The entertainment at our Christmas meeting was a most amusing and unusual Cinderella performed entirely by our members. This was followed by a session of 'Would I Lie to You' (as seen on television). I have to confess and confirm that sadly I did not have fish and chips with Chris Martin when he was performing in a live concert at Whitby Abbey!

A coffee morning at Grove Street Chapel in Retford was well supported and raised funds to buy items needed for the Baby Bundles.

At an autumn meeting, member Marion (Tasker) told us about the progress of the Pad Project and we heard how the first lady of Zanzibar welcomed Marion to her office which had been converted to a temporary workshop.



Young people sewing sanitary pads for the Pad Project in Zanzibar



Club Correspondent—Heather Reid

Melbourne-President Diann Jacobs

In October we held our 57th Charter Celebrations at The Melbourne Tea Rooms, a small local venue decided on by club members. We welcomed DC Mary Hind and 44 ladies from the District. The Speaker was an inspiration, and very funny. Thank you to everyone for taking the long journey, with magnificent views of the floods, and finding a parking space! We felt the warm and cosy atmosphere you created.

President Diann with DC Mary and speaker Tracy Bloom



Our speaker in November gave a presentation on her experience of moving house, New Zealand style, and having to cope with extremely basic camping before the new house was built. Having been brought up on camping holidays it wasn't a problem for her, and the weather was amazing, most of the time! She returned to the UK just in time before Covid hit, but her family was not so lucky!

President Diann arranged a fun meeting for December. There were games and prizes, and the buffet was brought in by the staff of the Pub across the road from our meeting venue. It was delicious, but in excess, so one of our members took the remains to the food bank at Swadlincote where it was gratefully received and taken to those in need.

The members of Melbourne Inner Wheel wish you all a happy, healthy 2024.

Club Correspondent—Diana Eley



Special birthdays ending with a "0"
Dorothy Fox and Rita Leighton—Alfreton IW
(see page 7 for photo)
Hazel Gifford—Mansfield IW
Barbara Smith—Ravenshead
Margaret Fray—Chesterfield Scarsdale



Anne and Phil Lyons M.B.E.— Mansfield IW
Carol and John Hull—Chesterfield Scarsdale
Liz and David Cromwell—Chesterfield Scarsdale
Margaret and Michael Key—Church Wilne



Sutton-in-Ashfield
Wedding Congratulations
Sue Dymond married John
Round in November

Message from SinA
members. Many
congratulations and
best wishes for your
future happiness,
with love from
everyone xx

Keyworth & Ruddington-President Karen Lewis

Our October Meeting was an illustrated talk by two representatives of one of President Karen's charities, Maggie's. This gave a fascinating insight into how one woman's vision has become a country wide charity supporting cancer sufferers and their families.



In November Bob Reed presented 'Let's talk Toilets' giving us further insight into sanitation problems in some African countries and how charities are helping to improve living conditions and therefore, health and safety.

On a regular basis our International Committee meet to prepare 'Baby Bundles' of basic necessities for new mothers in poor countries. These are carefully wrapped in warm blankets which have been knitted and crocheted by our members and local community volunteers.



At our meeting in December we inducted two new members Jacqueline Flute and Mandy Hewitt seen here with President Karen, she also welcomed Sue O'Donoghue to the meeting as yet another potential new member

We were then treated to a fabulous presentation of chocolate making by Cathy Wright of Cathy's Chocolates and Cakes, ably assisted by her taster and helper Matthew. Cathy showed us how to temper chocolate, made delicious truffles and outlined her history and recent association with Sat

Long Eaton—President Claudia Jeffrey

At the October meeting, we had a talk from the Project Manager and Fund Raiser Kevin Curtis, from the Canaan Trust in Long Eaton.

It has served the male homeless community for many years in Long Eaton. They are now raising funds to deliver a new female house, as in the last ten years the need has grown for more support for homeless women.

Also a lot of their work is providing food, as austerity has hit, and he says he has become an expert in finding the best deals, a savvy shopper!

In December we had our Christmas meal at the Trent Lock Golf Club and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, while raising money for the Air Ambulance, in lieu of Christmas cards.

In January, we once again provided a buffet for The Mencap Happivale Club. The club members enjoy a disco and food and we serve them refreshments. It is always appreciated.



A delicious buffet prepared by the ladies of Long Eaton Inner Wheel

Ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Long Eaton with one of the staff at Happivale



Club Correspondent-Marion Atkins

Clay Cross-President Dr Cheryle Berry M.B.E.



Cheryle in the centre surrounded by Club Members and friends

President Cheryle celebrated a significant birthday and treated Club members and friends with an interesting Canal Trip at Cromford Mills on “Birdswood” in September. With her International Service Officer hat on, President Cheryle has also been busy organising 400 Friendship Boxes for the orphaned children at Mouchon in Ukraine, working along with Rotary and delivered in time for Christmas. It was lovely to get to know more about District Chairman Mary Hind at our Club Visit in October.



Henry Wood, aged 16, was our speaker in November. His enthusiasm for Metal Detecting was obvious from the meticulous records of his finds and his knowledge of History. His Mum and Dad also came along for support.

We raised more funds for the Air Ambulance at the Clay Cross Christmas Fair



with a well-stocked Tombola Stall and after all the work our Christmas Party Meal was much enjoyed by members and friends. (Permission for Henry’s photograph was given by his Father)

Club Correspondent-Angie Dawson

Keyworth & Ruddington continued:

Bain’s Restaurant (pictured making truffles with President Karen). She had also set up a stall with a fantastic selection of chocolate goodies for us to purchase for Christmas, or earlier! Afterwards we sampled the truffles and drank mulled wine with mince pies, a lovely end to our year



President Karen making truffles



Lots of goodies to sample and buy

Club Correspondent—Yvonne Rix

Lighter moments from Chesterfield Scarsdale



Heanor-President Denise Vitale

We were delighted to welcome DC Mary to our October meeting. It was an opportunity to get to know her better.

In November we were able to display over 250 knitted poppies in support of the Royal British Legion. We were grateful to Infinite Wellbeing for allowing us to use their coffee shop for the display. Several members sold poppies at local supermarkets and President Denise laid a wreath at the local cenotaph.



At our November meeting we welcomed Lesley Taylor from Viola. After a short quiz we then learned what could and could not be recycled. We all agreed a very informative speaker.



Jean Fordham

Our Christmas Floral Extravaganza was a great success. Friends, family and IW members enjoyed the wonderful festive arrangements created by Jean Fordham, a NAFAS demonstrator, and a very valued member of our club. A delicious Afternoon Tea, prepared by our members, was served. 36 festive arrangements were then raffled off to raise money for our charity.

We welcomed three prospective members to our December meeting. A delicious buffet was enjoyed following a Show and Tell, where several members spoke of their memories and treasured items. We look forward to inducting three new members on Inner Wheel Day.



The Heanor Team

Club Correspondent— Sue Mukherjee



A collection from the congregation was divided between the Church and DC Mary's charities - Derby Women's Centre and Nottingham Women's Centre . After all the singing we moved to the Centre to be welcomed by the Ravenshead Members with hot drinks and mincepies. Santa was waiting to see the children each of whom received a lovely present.



The District Choir



District Carol Service



Rev'd Kate Byrom

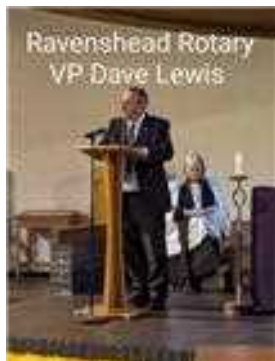
On 10th December Inner Wheel members with families and friends gathered together for the annual Carol Service at St. Peter's Church Ravenshead. Although a modern Church, built in 1972, designed by Colin Shewring, it is a Grade II listed building Listed on 1st February 2018. It has the most fantastic soaring roof and the singing of the District Choir, directed by Maureen Tunney, plus the congregation filled the space. There is much more detail on Historic England website. The service led by the reverend Kate Byrom was a traditional service of lessons and carols.



DC Mary & Rev'd Kate Byrom



Anne Lyons
Member of Council



Ravenshead Rotary
VP Dave Lewis



Kathy Kings
Ravenshead President



Joy Richardson
Ravenshead Club

Matlock-President Joan Orme

Continuing with our idea to do things differently, our Charter in October was more casual and we opted for an afternoon tea in member Gill Oldroyd's house. To make it a more relaxed occasion some of the catering was imported and with a lot of help from Gill we had a most enjoyable day. A small profit was made on the day and this has been paid into our International account to help with World IW day. In November we met at member Sue Robinson's house for a most interesting talk about Crich Tramway Museum. The speaker has been involved with the museum for many years and had lots of tales to tell.



December has, for many years, been a time when we get together to make a Christmas decoration. This year for the table. We have a very talented flower arranger, Rosemary Cuff, in our midst and she supervises our efforts and makes sure we have something decent to take home.



Efforts well rewarded

Beavering away

Our President Joan has come up with an idea for how we can celebrate 100 years of Inner Wheel. We are going to collect 100 tins of food to donate to a local food bank. World IW day will be celebrated by us on January 17th this year and we look forward to gathering together to make up lots of baby bundles and toy bags. We also manage to have a nice lunch as well.

Club Correspondent-Sylvia Netley

*Members at Large Christmas Lunch 12 December
2023*

Looking forward to our Christmas lunch and not being familiar with exact location I arrived at the hotel early and wasn't surprised to be the first there. As 12 o'clock came and I was still the only one in the car park I began to feel a bit uneasy, and confident that I had the correct day and time. I quickly searched my emails and as feared I was sitting in the car park at The Risley Hall Hotel and not The Risley Park Hotel, both shared the same postcode! Luckily the two were only a few yards apart on the same road so I managed to arrive on time and was greeted with welcoming smiles and friendly chatter., Five M@L attended Karen Sutton, Vicky Moss, Marilyn Moulton, Brenda Ward and myself together with Association Editor Di Hylton, Past District Treasurer Judith Rosser and eight members of the executive. It was lovely and much appreciated that so many district officers had joined M@L especially at such a busy time. We were soon seated and wearing festive jumpers and sparkly accessories, even some Santa earrings we were ready to party! The atmosphere was relaxed and the delicious meal was much enjoyed by all. A lovely occasion and a reminder of why I enjoy the friendship and values of Inner Wheel.



Member at Large Barbara Hickman

Editor: Thank you Barbara for the report. Sorry about the address mix up. A bit creepy for you.

Mansfield-President Margaret Ceney

This year we have arranged our programme so that a different member chairs each meeting. In September Yvonne Neville was pleased to welcome DC Mary for her club visit and we enjoyed hearing about Mary's life and her hopes for the future of Inner Wheel.

In October Elaine Campin's speaker gave us an update on the Nottinghamshire Police Aid Charity and later was delighted to induct Claire Parsons as a new member.

We have had two charity fundraising events in as many months



Pie and peas at the Ceilidh

and both have been most enjoyable social occasions as well, and bolstering funds in our charity account.

Dain Pinder led a team to organise a Ceilidh for family and friends of the club. The band and caller had



Dain Pinder with the caller and the band

everyone on their feet dancing the night away. About 150 ladies came to our fashion show which was a wonderful event. The clothes were modelled by members and could be bought later in the evening. This was all put together

by our newest members: Julia Brown, Nicola de Lucis, Claire Parsons and Maria Hollingworth..



Julie Brown at the fashion Show

Yvonne Neville as a model



Club Correspondent-Dee Bailey

Wollaton Park-President Debbie Pink

Our November meeting was special as we welcomed our second new member of the year, Sonia Ellis. Also, it was the first lunchtime meeting of the year – on trial for the winter months!

Walks ending in lunch, which all can enjoy, have been introduced between our monthly meetings, in addition to regular coffee meetups. President Debbie is researching additional routes and venues for 2024!



President Debbie and Sonia



December, and with Christmas upon us, we bought new toys for the Great Notts Toy Appeal and then became Santa's helpers with the Rotary sleigh in aid of PASIC, a charity helping young people with cancer and their parents. We had a

Christmas party with a difference as President Debbie arranged for us to take part in 'Beat Feet Drumming' with Jude – great fun and much laughter as we tried to guess the words expressed in the beats! An early evening visit to the National Arboretum to enjoy the amazing lights and interactive displays ended a great year of fun and friendship -we look forward to continuing the theme in 2024!



Club Correspondent—Gill Huddleston

Church Wilne-President Margaret Abbott

September through to December is always busy for the President. There were two main events which stand out. "Rocking like the 1970's". What a fabulous evening. 51 Inner Wheel members with friends and family at a 70s night, in aid of President Margaret's chosen charity Derbyshire Carers Association. Fancy dress was encouraged with a prize for the best fancy dress. There were so many great outfits and wigs galore, it was hard to recognise some members. The entertainment and dancing was amazing. See the President's "Tiger feet" above right with Jane Page and Anna Corner.



Church Wilne members, and guests in December were treated to an afternoon with Linda Smith. Linda is a regional flower

demonstrator who showed us how she creates some of her fabulous designs. This year Linda's theme was 'The sounds of Christmas'. Linda used easy to obtain flowers and foliage with a few unusual finds mixed in. Four designs were created on stage: The crackle of a log fire, Church Bells, The Salvation Army, and Hark the Herald Angels Sing. These designs represented the sounds around the Christmas Tree, reminding us Christmas isn't about colour, it's about technicolour

Club Correspondent-Yvette Thomas with thanks to Liz Howard for the words and photographs.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY-ISCC: Lynda Wallace

District Chairman, Mary Hind, opened the meeting holding a minute's silence for PDC Sue Curley. Lynda then introduced her guests and was delighted to have received greetings from the Association ISCC, Pam Boyes, who had been with us two years ago and who had been to Zambia to see the Book Bus in action.

Stella Taylor lit the candle to International. Stella reminded us that 100 years ago Inner Wheel was founded and now it has spread to over 100 countries in the world with over 100,000 members. She reminded us of the three objectives of Inner Wheel, which were most appropriate for the rally. Everyone was then asked to light their candles and hold them up to "shine a light" – the International Inner Wheel theme for this year.

David Gordon, CEO of the Book Bus Zambia project, said that the books we send sow the seeds of the foundations for the next generation which led to the introduction of the live feed from a school in Zambia via Zoom and, although the sound quality was not always great, it enabled us to see some Book Bus staff, school teachers and pupils of a school which had already received some of our books. The children sang to us and recited a poem. They said how much they enjoyed the books because, before the Book Bus, they had not got any books to read.

West Area International Committee Member, Pat Churnside, said grace asking us to think of others and finished with the line "help us, who have so much, remember those who have so little". It was a lovely luncheon and, as always, we are amazed at how the Hostess manages to give so much choice to some 100 ladies from 18 Clubs and one member at large. After our lunch we had an update on the project from David Gordon and Monica Mulenga the Book Bus Zambia Project Director. They reiterated that the purpose of the charity is to help every child create a better future through the power of reading. Although very diverse with seven tribal languages, staff in schools speak English and the local language.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY continued:

Literacy rates have risen in the schools where the books are sent. The books are taken by the bus to about 20 schools and the teachers are trained by the charity. As well as working in schools, a holiday club, where the children visit the Book Bus, has also reached over 4,000 children and a library has been provided with 3000 books and Book Bus students have a card so they can borrow books.

With Inner Wheel's support over £30,000 has been raised in a year enabling the charity to source a new bus which will be shipped via Namibia with a year's supply of fuel. Inner Wheel will continue to fundraise for the Book Bus through this year to reach the target of £40,000 and to help distribute as many books as possible – over 8,000 to-date have been donated by District 22 and some are already on Inner Wheel-branded bookshelves in the bus and library.

David said that if our books aren't suitable for Zambia, the charity has connections in England, so these do not go to waste. The school children in Zambia like books they can make plays from such as "Giraffes can't dance" but they all appear to be eager to learn with some children walking over two hours to get to school.

David also thanked NPAC which sent out the books. Joan Green, East Area International Committee member thanked David. Lynda brought the afternoon to a close, thanking her committee and others. She asked everyone to take their tea-light candles away "and shine your light even brighter to help others in need around the world". She was delighted that the raffle had raised £464 for the Book Bus.



ISCC Lynda, Monica, David and DC Mary
"shining a light"

Jane Markwell-South Area International Committee Member